Governments did not take the responsibility of financing the subsidies involved in low tariff sectors like agriculture, to the State Electricity Boards which must operate as commercial organisations; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard and what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the basis of the recommendations of the Power Ministers' Conference held in 1988, a Working Group has already been set up to suggest measures to improve the financial performance of State Electricity Boards.

Manufacturing of Tractors

1934. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of tractors manufactured in the country so far during the current financial year;

(b) what is the corresponding figures of tractors manufactured during the years 1986-87 and 1987-88; and

(c) what is the number of tractors imported in the country during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The production of Agricultural Tractors during the years 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 (upto December, 1988 is given below:—

1986-87	—	80,476 Nos.
1987-88	—	91,427 Nos.
1988-89 (upto Dec., 1988)	—	80,849 Nos.

(c) According to Tractor Manufacturers Association's Report on Tractor Industry in India, there has been no import of tractors in the country during the last three years.

Number of Central Public Sector Industries in Uttar Pradesh

1935. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of the Central Public Sector Industries in Uttar Pradesh as on January 31, 1989;

(b) what is the total number of employees in these industries; and

(c) what is the number of persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Tribes and minorities working in these industries?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) There were 16 Central Public Sector Enterprises with their registered office in Uttar Pradesh as on 31.3.1988 upto which date the information is available.

(b) There were 94475 employees in these Central Public Enterprises in Uttar Pradesh as on 31.3.1988 upto which date the information is available.

(c) As on 1.1.86 upto which date the information is available, there were 15045 and 1540 employees belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes respectively. No data of employees belonging to minorities is available.

Action for under weighed gas cylinders

1936. DR. MOHD HASHIM KIDWAI. Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that seals of gas cylinders are broken by the drivers of truck carrying cylinders on way to different cities